

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for powderizing a hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) in a liquid or paste form, comprising the steps of:

(A) processing said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) into a liquid or paste form by adding alcohol or organic solvent;

(B) mixing said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) with a saccharide derivative(s) of  $\alpha, \alpha$ -trehalose having a trehalose structure as an end unit and a glucose polymerization degree of three or higher, which saccharide derivative  $\alpha, \alpha$ -trehalose comprises about 30 w/w % or more of  $\alpha$  maltosyl  $\alpha, \alpha$ -trehalose and one or more saccharides selected from the group consisting of  $\alpha$  glucosyl  $\alpha, \alpha$ -trehalose,  $\alpha$  maltotrioseyl  $\alpha, \alpha$ -trehalose and  $\alpha$  glycosyl  $\alpha, \alpha$ -trehalose, and which saccharide derivative(s) of  $\alpha, \alpha$ -trehalose is in an amorphous form; and

(C) powderizing the resulting mixture;

wherein said saccharide derivative of  $\alpha, \alpha$ -trehalose

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comprises 30 w/w % or more of  $\alpha$ -maltosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose and one or more other saccharides selected from the group consisting of  $\alpha$ -glucosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose,  $\alpha$ -maltotriosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose and other  $\alpha$ -glycosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose(s), and which saccharide derivative of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose is in an amorphous form.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) is one selected from the group consisting of processed stockbreedings, processed marine products, processed agricultural products, flavors, colorings, lipids, emulsifiers, and functional substances, organic solvents, and agrichemical emulsions.

Claims 4-7 (Cancelled).

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, comprising a step of incorporating wherein the amount of said saccharide derivative of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose into a powdery composition in an amount of mixed with said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) is 5% (w/w) or more to the total weight of the powdery composition resulting mixture, on a dry solid basis.

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9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1,  
wherein said method for powderizing is a spray-drying method.

Claims 10-11 (Cancelled) .

12. (Currently amended) A powdery composition  
comprising a hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) produced  
by the method of claim 1.

Claims 13-14 (Cancelled) .

15. (New) The powdery composition of claim 12, which  
is one selected from the group consisting of foods, beverages,  
cosmetics, medicated cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and industrial  
chemicals, their materials and intermediates.